

HONORING LAKEVIEW CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL LAW MAGNET STUDENTS

HON. JEB HENSARLING

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HENSARLING. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor the students of Lakeview Centennial High School's Law Magnet program and their teacher, Mr. David Lanman.

As a part of the SkillsUSA program, thirty-three students from Lakeview Centennial High School (LCHS) traveled to Corpus Christi, Texas, to represent their school and community at the 2010 Texas SkillsUSA Leadership and Skills Conference. The students won four of the five team events they entered and several of the students competed in and excelled at individual competitions, as well.

I am pleased to recognize Aaron Winton, Courtney Shaw, Hayle Shipley, Stephanie Inda, Kaitlyn Walker, Kyle Cunningham, Joshua Waller, Kalen Lewis, Omar Roman, Celeste Leal, Katherine Bosler, Katherine Willis, Jade Flowers, Maria Barnett, Kaytlyn Plake, Kalina Edwards, Shone George, Kevin Garcia, Maria Villanueva, Alyssa Villafranco, Nicholas Barber, Aristephanes Angulo, Anthony Tarango, Samuel Johnson, Lincoln Mondy, Gabriella Filzow-Perez, Abigail Holcom, Diamond Hunt, Jazmin Morgan, Nicholas Foster, Adam Colclasure, Victor Foreman and Justin Mathers.

In addition, the students of the Chapter Business Team will advance to the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City where they will represent LCHS for the fourth year in a row. I congratulate Thomas Byham, Jade Crutch, Francely Martinez, Katherine Willis, Ashley Walker, Rebecca Ojini and Brittney Brockman on this outstanding accomplishment and wish them the best of luck as they represent their school and their community.

Lakeview students learn leadership skills and prepare for their future and their careers. These students, with the support and guidance of their teacher, Mr. Lanman, are making an impact at their school, in their community, and beyond. I am honored to recognize them today and to represent them in the United States House of Representatives.

REMEMBERING JERRY HILDEBRAND

HON. JIM McDERMOTT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. McDERMOTT. Madam Speaker, our Nation recently lost one of the great champions of the unemployment insurance system.

Jerry Hildebrand was the Chief of Legislation for Unemployment Insurance at the Department of Labor, and he was intricately involved in every major UI reform over the past several decades.

Most recently, Jerry had been instrumental in ensuring the delivery of extended unemployment benefits and in helping States navigate reforms to their unemployment systems with the help of UI Modernization Grants.

His advice about the possible impact of policy before enactment and his skillful work on implementation after the passage of legislation will be sorely missed.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jerry's family, as well as to his colleagues at the Department of Labor. Jerry Hildebrand made our government work for the people, and that contribution will surely live on.

UNITED STATES-ISRAEL ROCKET AND MISSILE DEFENSE COOPERATION AND SUPPORT ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ALLYSON Y. SCHWARTZ

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Ms. SCHWARTZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Israel Rocket and Missile Defense Cooperation and Support Act, legislation that recognizes the significance of our partnership with Israel, the mutually beneficial and historic nature of the relationship and our ongoing commitment to ensure its security for the State of Israel.

For decades, support for Israel in Congress has been bi-partisan. In fact, it is one of the few issues where Republicans and Democrats have consistently agreed. Leaders of both parties recognize the importance of a strong and steadfast U.S.-Israel relationship and work together to strengthen it.

Israel remains one of our most trusted and reliable allies. Terrorist organizations that vow to destroy Israel also vow to destroy the United States. As we continue to combat extremism worldwide and the violence it incites, a strong U.S.-Israeli strategic partnership is essential.

Since coming to Congress, I have consistently and fervently supported America's commitment to the safety and support of Israel. In part, my commitment to Israel is based on the experiences of my mother, who fled Austria to escape the Nazis and emigrated alone at age 16 to the United States. My mother's stories have given me a deep understanding of the importance of Israel as a safe haven for Jews and as a strong voice on behalf of the Jewish people.

The bill before us will better enable Israel to be a safe haven for Jews. It will formalize the United States' commitment to provide support for the deployment of Israel's "Iron Dome" missile defense system. This system will help protect Israeli citizens from the short-range rocket attacks of the Hamas and Hezbollah terrorist attacks.

I thank my colleagues for their support of Israel and for enhancing Israel's ability to defend itself. Our action today reaffirms our commitment to our closest of allies, Israel.

MY FIRST STEPS: A TRIBUTE TO SPC DAVID MAYER, AN AMERICAN HERO, THE UNITED STATES ARMY

HON. WALLY HERGER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. HERGER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a hometown hero . . . SPC David

Mayer from Placentia, California. As you know, our men and women of honor who wear the uniform . . . must come back home and start all over again. As each has their own personal mountains to climb. In our daily lives, we take for granted the little things, like having two legs and being able to walk. And the littlest things can sometimes become the greatest of all mountains to climb. Like a soldier who comes back home from war, and must start all over again. And take . . . those first steps. This poem is dedicated to such an American Hero from California, who was ready to give his life for all of us. As he did give his two strong legs in the name of freedom, and now his new battle has begun. . . . This poem is dedicated to SPC David Mayer, and the thousands just like him, who by their actions teach us everyday. Teach us all about faith and courage. As David has lost both of his legs in an IED explosion in Iraq. I ask that the following poem penned in honor of him by Capitol Guide Albert Caswell be put in the RECORD. And remember this Memorial Day our troops sacrifice, and the loving parents like that have helped David.

My . . .
My First . . .
My First Steps . . .
Are but, my first ones . . .
My First Steps, that I've begun . . .
My new footprints, that I have won . . .
All in this new battle, all in what must be done!
All in what is said, and so too what must be won . . .
All in these, my new baby steps, please . . .
all in courage's sun . . .
Are but, really giant steps . . . as so are each . . .
yes, each and everyone . . .
With all of that pain, and will . . . as my heart to me so instills . . . TO RUN.
To fight! One by one . . . Day by Day . . .
Night by Night . . . I will say, I'm not done . . .
All along heartbreak's way . . . I will walk and I will run . . . and I will see The Rising Sun . . .
As I will rise . . . and wipe away all of those tears from my eyes . . . look at me, I've just begun . . .
For it was but not a long ago, when as a child . . . a memory I will not know . . . when I took . . .
I took, those very first steps . . .
And now, in the coming years . . . as the time so passes here . . .
I will look back, and I will remember . . .
Carried in my heart, all in to warm my soul.
Forever, the memory . . . these embers . . .
Of My First Steps!

HONORING THE TOWNSHIP OF PEQUANNOCK, NEW JERSEY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Township of Pequannock, in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating the 270th anniversary of their incorporation.

The Township of Pequannock, with its northern portion Pompton Plains, is one of the oldest European settlements in northwestern New Jersey. Its lands were purchased from the Lenni-Lenape Indians between 1695 and